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To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of the the state attorneys general and the District of Columbia against Microsoft.

The settlement is a slap on the wrist to Microsoft. It will not guarantee that Microsoft cannot continue to attack small or other large companies through non-competitive means. The Microsoft Windows operating system is only now becoming a true operating system. It still leaves a lot to be desired. Whether or not Microsoft choose to create more mediocre products for the public is not an issue. Whether or not smaller software companies and other companies can play in this market is.

As you are well aware, members of Citizens for a Sound Economy have been unrelenting in our opposition to the federal governments antitrust case against Microsoft. This view point is clearly a misguide stance from a group of people unaware of the speed of changing technology and the options available to them. For nearly 3 years, activists like myself have called, emailed, visited, and sent letters to the U.S. Department of Justice and to state attorneys' general offices explaining that Microsoft's actions is detrimental to consumers. The evidence can be seen in the demise of Netscape and the battles against SUN over J++. Microsoft's anticompetitive behavior has limited the high-technology market and have forced users to learn to accept mediocre products.

Respectfully,

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